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amendment now, is in line 12, on page 2, we strike "fourteen" and insert "nine". That's the committee amendment.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Right.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And your amendment to that strikes "nine" and inserts "five".

SENATOR JANSSEN: Right.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And so people will understand what we're talking about, we're talking about cents, c-e-n-t-s, or the fee that the merchant would receive if he or she uses his or her own equipment.

SENATOR JANSSEN: That's exactly right.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And the additional language that you are adding would make it clear that the retailer is going to get this five cents only if that retailer's own equipment is being used.

SENATOR JANSSEN: That's correct.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I, while I have you on your feet, I have to ask you a couple of more questions. Senator Janssen, I have described this as a gouging bill by greedy grocers, gouging bill by greedy grocers, okay? When the bill first started out they wanted to gouge the state...first of all, let me not get ahead of myself, who will be paying this fee to the grocers?

SENATOR JANSSEN: Who will be paying the fee?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes, under this bill.

SENATOR JANSSEN: The state. The state, HHS, state of Nebraska.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So the grocers initially wanted to bill the state fourteen cents for each one of these transactions. Is that true?